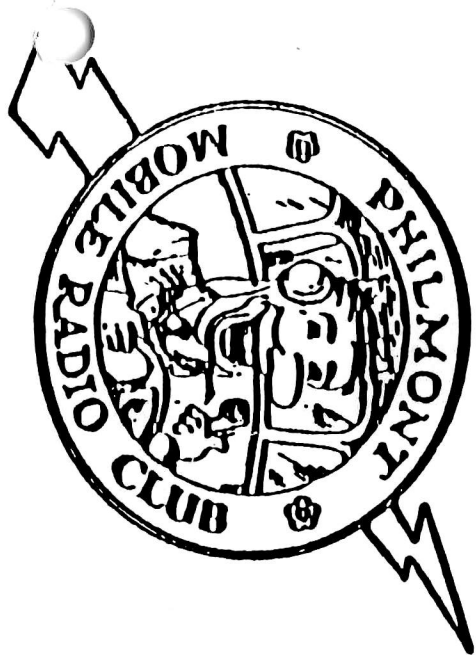


FIRST CLASS MAIL



the blurb
A Philmont Mobile Radio
Club Publication
125 Keeley Avenue
New Britain, PA 18901



AND TO ALL A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

is published monthly by and for the members of The PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC. whose purpose is to promote Amateur Radio in general, and Mobile Radio in particular. Copying and quoting is permitted with a credit line. We gladly exchange publications with other amateur radio clubs; requests should be sent to the Editor. BLURB subscriptions are available to non-members for \$6.50 addressed to the Treasurer. The club meets at 8 PM on the first non-holiday Monday of every month at The Franklin Institute, 21st Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Use the rear entrance. ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Amateur Radio License Examinations - Every meeting night at 6:30 PM.

CLUB INFORMATION

- 24 Hour Information Number at W3TKQ -

(215) 448-1139

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

STATIONS

W3QV - 147.03 Mhz. Repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3888

W3RQZ - 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA - Trustee W3VVS

W3TKQ - The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3PWG

W3TKQ Operators: W3JAL, Fred; N3ABS, John; K3TEF, Frank; K3PJG, Jack; W3PWG, Rollie

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: N3EAY, Bob Ricker, P.O. Box 93, Zieglerville, PA 19492

VICE PRESIDENT: W3CMM, Bill Mescanti, 405 E. Rively Ave., Aldan, PA 19018

SECRETARY: N2RM, Bob Moore, 90 Rose Rita Terrace, Hammonton, NJ 08037

TREASURER: K83IV, Ed Masarsky, 15 Poe Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095

DIRECTORS

KA3BET (A); W3IIM (A); W3IIN (A); K83JW (89); K3KUD (89); W3VVS (88); W3ZPP (88)

COMMITTEES

Archives:	W3IIN	MO-COM 5:	N3DHI	Social Events:
Awards:	Net Control:	W3CMM	Special Events:
BLURB:	W3PST	Program:	W3CMM	Sunshine:
Directory:	W3KQJ	Publicity:	N3EAY	VE Program:	K3SN
DX:	W3AUN	Refreshments:	N3EAY	W3TKQ:	W3PWG
Membership:	W3IIN	Repeater & Tech:	W3888	Welcome:	W3VVS

BLURB STAFF

Editor: W3PST, Woody Haldeman, 125 Keeley Ave., New Britain, PA 18901
(215) 345-1890

Artist: Sam Kuncevic

Assistant Editors: W3IIM & W3KQJ

Typist: W3IIN

DEADLINE: To be assured of publication in the current month, all copy MUST be in the hands of the Editor at the Bored of Directors' Meeting.

PHIL-MONT's Net Schedule

SUNDAY	TUESDAY
09:30 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM
10:00 28.??? MHz SSB	Personalized CW
10:20 3.993 MHz SSB	Practice Net

Continued from page 10

the FCC's request, the station reverted to 50 kilowatts.

P.S. I noted the message our Editor gave us in the October BLURB, so here is my contribution for the BLURB. I thought some of you "Ole Timers" might like to take a nostalgic trip back in time with a 15 year old kid and his home-made battery radio.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

NAME: Stuart Tener
HANDLE: Stuart
CALL: KA3TNH
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 2342 Borbeck Ave.
Phila. PA 19152-3802
HOME PHONE: (215) 338-6005
OCCUPATION: Computer Programmer
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 342-0734

NAME: Virginia Mackie
HANDLE: Virginia
CALL: KA2ZZA
CLASS: Advanced
ADDRESS: 717 Central Ave.
Hammonton, NJ 08037
HOME PHONE: (609) 561-4091
OCCUPATION: Rural Letter Carrier
BUSINESS PHONE: (609) 561-0495

Continued from page 9

and yellow paint is not even chipped. (We would have expected nothing less of Ray. -ed)

The OMW now resides in a drawer in Mark's desk in his Ham Shack. Listen closely to the repeater, for Mark will blow his Whistle on very special occasions. You may even get to hear it at the December meeting, introducing the candidates standing for election.

Which brings up another question. Can a man who owns a Weiner Whistle be elected Vice-President of Phil-Mont?

de W3IIN

(Perhaps Mark should start a new, exclusive, early-morning net in competition with the Roosters. He could call it the Weiners. One wonders how many "closet Weiner Whistle blowers there are out there. Maybe Ray knows. -ed)

THE YEAR IS 1934 COME LISTEN WITH ME W3VVS

It was spring in 1934. I had just finished building a two-tube radio from plans published in an issue of Radio News by Hugo Gernsback.

Let me describe the set for you. It was built on a piece of wood taken from the end of an orange crate. The board to be used as a chassis was sanded smooth and given two coats of clear shellac. The radio panel was Masonite; drilled to mount the two variable condensers, a rheostat, and a phone jack. The Masonite was given two coats of clear shellac, and then followed two coats of Pratt & Lambert black enamel.

The circuit consisted of a 201A tube as a regenerative detector with plug-in coils, a 5:1 ratio audio transformer, and a second 201A tube as the audio amplifier. Headphones were "Brandes Superior" 200 ohm units. The 60 foot antenna of stranded copper wire ran through the window sill of my bedroom and out to a peach tree in the back yard. The ground wire ran to a water pipe in the basement.

Each day I would ride my bicycle to the local telephone office and check their trash pile for batteries. Soon I had several Eveready "Columbia" Grey Label Long Life Telephone cells with Fahnestock clips. I checked them all and finally selected four "good" dry cells for use on my radio as filament batteries.

I saved my money and finally went to Harry's Auto Stores (Ohio's equivalent of Pep Boys) and purchased two 45 volt Eveready "B" batteries for the receiver. (\$1.95 for 45 volt medium size Layerbuilt Eveready "B" battery.)

Late in April of 1934 all batteries were connected, and after reversing the tickler coil leads (a common problem), the set worked. I listened to hams on

160 meters and to stations on the standard broadcast band. I could hear WSPD Toledo, WTAM Cleveland, WWJ and WJR Detroit, and WLM Cincinnati, among other popular stations of the day.

Of course, many of these early radios were regenerative receivers and, to a great extent, the strength of the received signal determined the audio output in the headphones. No such thing as automatic volume control (AVC) on my receiver.

When I tuned in WLM on 700 Kilocycles (428.3 Meters or 700 Kilohertz) late in the evening, I could listen to the music of Shep Fields and his "Rippling Rhythms Orchestra" playing at the Netherland Plaza in downtown Cincinnati. (WKRP and Jennifer weren't even thought of then.)

The clear-channel station WLM ran 50 kilowatts and was heard very well at night in northern Ohio where I lived. Then came the news that WLM was going "higher power." On May 2, 1934, I listened carefully to WLM throughout the evening and at 9:02 PM something "really big" happened. In Washington D.C., President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signalled the WLM transmitter to apply plate voltage to the super-power 500 kilowatt unit! Imagine, 500,000 watts of output power went on the air to be radiated from a single 831 foot high vertical antenna!

With my little two-tube receiver, I did detect a noticeable increase in audio output and no fading of received signal - but I was a little disappointed in the results - I expected more audio I guess. (DBs were unknown to me.)

WLM began to operate regularly on high power as a clear-channel super-power 500 kilowatt AM station. Eventually WLM employed a directional antenna system after local sundown to protect a station in Ontario, Canada, and continued to operate high power until 1939 when, at

Continued on page 11

Woody:

THIS DOES IT FOR

ANOTHER YEAR.

THEY SEEM TO GO

BY FASTER ALL

THE TIME.

BUT I GUESS

YOU NOTICED THAT TOO!

73



THANKS SAM!

With this issue, our intrepid cartoonist completes his 31st year of service to the BLURB.

Sam Kuncovich's first cover was on the January 1958 issue, and after 372 covers he's still going strongly. Why, we hear tell that he might even find the time to get back on the air after all those years of silence. All you guys mentioned in "Sam's Corner" this month should keep after him! It's beginning to sound like it's working!

SAM'S CORNER

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OF Philmont

ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO OVER THE YEARS

KEPT AFTER ME TO GET MY HAM TICKET BACK.

NOT COUNTING THOSE I FORGOT... MANY THANKS

TO BALDY BILL • W3YHV • CHAZ • W3ZPF • BOB • K3KUD

AL • K3GNM • CHET • WA2YDS • DAVE • WA2RDC

JIM • W3BBB • ARNIE • KC2HX • JAKE • AK2I

WOODY • W3PST • WAYNE • WB2SZF • JACK & JINNY

W3IIM • W3IIN • RUSS • K3NYN • BOB • K2RRC

ROLLIE • W3PWG • MURRY • K3SPS • FRED W3ADV

GEO • W3PKY • TOM WA3KLR AND.. AL • K2LK



APPLE BYTES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02-DONALD GORDON - WB3KDJ
 05-LEATHA LACHMAN (XYL W3UQ)
 06-SUSAN LADA - N3FTY (XYL N3FTZ)
 08-ALBERT B. ROWLAND - W3JIL
 09-R. LAFAYETTE BEAMON, JR. - W3BFM
 -JAMES J. BOCK - K3PHC
 10-ELSIE BARDSLEY (XYL K3DJA)
 11-SUSAN TITTERTON (XYL KB3RN)
 12-EDWARD TITTERTON - KB3RN
 13-RAMONA B. DABAGIAN - KM3N
 21-CLINTON R. SPENCER, III - N3DHI
 26-FREDWOOD S. SHAW - W3ADV
 27-RACHEL KLABE (XYL WA2YDS)
 -CLINTON R. SPENCER, Jr. - W3BBB
 28-BETTY KING (XYL W3PXY)
 29-SALVATORE VALENTE - N3FVW
 30-FRANK H. LEWIS -N3DGU
 31-RHEBA BOCK (XYL W3PHC)

TIME TO RENEW

WAZAUN... IT'S TIME TO FILL OUT A 610 THE FCC.

HELP PHIL-MONT

ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV FOR THE DETAILS.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN! WITH THIS BLURB YOU RECEIVED YOUR 1988 DUES INVOICE AND DIRCTORY INFORMATION SHEET, PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFO AND RETURN TO KB3IV WITH YOUR DUES...YOUR EARLY ENTRY WILL SPEED THE PUBLISHING OF THE 1989 DIRECTORY.

 PAY YOUR DUES EARLY...ED NEEDS THE MONEY!

DE WB3KDJ

* UPDATE *

DEC 5 General Meeting AWARDS & ELECTIONS

Dec 14 Directors' meeting at
W3IRS's

--- * ---

JAN 9 General Meeting

Jan 18 Directors' meeting at
N3EAY & KA3RLD's

--- * ---

FEB 6 General Meeting

Feb 15 Directors' meeting

--- * ---

MAR 6 General Meeting

Mar 15 Directors' meeting

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS from EPA FEEDLINE

BRYN MAWR
 Bob Haase, W3SA
 (215) 293-1919

CENTER CITY
 Dec 5, Jan 9
 Ramona Dabagian, KM3N
 (215) 448-1139

COLMAR
 Stu Silverstein, K3UEI
 (215) 584-0775

LEVITTOWN
 Dave Heller, K3TX
 (215) 736-3333

NEWTOWN SQUARE
 John Chester
 (215) 544-3837

WARMINSTER
 Tom Michaud, WA3TOJ
 (215) 343-3494

O M (W

All morning the Repeater had been quiet, but towards lunchtime things began to pick up. Dr. Mark, WA3AUN, and Ray, KB3JW, were discussing the childhood loss of Marks's Oscar Mayer Weiner Whistle.

It seems that the Whistle had been one of Mark's prized possessions, and Mark's brother, in a fit of sibling anger, first hid the Weiner Whistle and then buried it in the back yard. To this day the Weiner Whistle has never been found and Mark has mourned its loss these many years.

At this point, Don, WB3KDJ, entered the discussion with some well placed barbs, wondering if maybe Dr. Arnie, KC2HX, should be called to take Mark's dilemma under advisement and possibly explore the Freudian implications of Mark's grieving the loss of his Weiner Whistle all these years. After some discussion of the merits of the case and remarks about how and when to use the Weiner Whistle, (did our repeater really say that?) Ray mentioned that HE had a Weiner Whistle. This was all Mark needed to hear! He became so excited that he could hardly speak. Finally gaining his composure, he asked if Ray could "foot" his Weiner Whistle for him. Pat, Ray's XYL, obliged with several tools for all to hear.

Then, Oh Joy!, Ray offered to give the Weiner Whistle to Mark, to replace the one lost in his childhood and for which he had mourned all these years. A time was set for that evening for Mark to pick up the adored object.

Later that evening, during the code practice net, there came a mighty TOOT of triumph from the Weiner Whistle. Mark had accomplished his mission and was now the proud owner of his very own Oscar Mayer Weiner Whistle. Let us understand that this is no ordinary Whistle; this is the two-holer model, and in perfect condition! Why, even the blue

Continued on page 11

CONGRATULATIONS PHIL-MONT!

You're as old as Jack Benny!

THE "V" WORD

With all this talk about our 40th year, we've begun to hear rumblings about a Banquet. It won't happen unless a "V"olunteer comes forward to plan and coordinate it!

(Watch how quiet it gets.)

SWAP NET

Absent, Bye-Bye, Checked-out, Conked, Crumpled, Dead, Deceased, Defunct, Demised, Departed, Done, Dropped, Exhausted, Expended, Expired, Extinct, Finished, Folded-up, Gone, Lost, Missing, Omitted, Passed-away, Vanished, Washed-up.

No one volunteered (the "V" word again) to run it this year.

For a very successful, well attended net, try 147.36 on Monday Nights at 19:30.

(215) 448-1139

Net Control operators:
Announce this number on each net!

OLE TIMERS' NIGHT

This was undoubtedly the most enjoyed meeting of the year, with more than 50 attending.

Many thanks to Bill (CMM) for providing, at his own expense, the wine. And to Jinny (IIN) for arranging for the cheese platters, while Ed (IV) picked-up the pastries.

Who says we don't keep our Ole Timers fat (all the chow), dumb (?) and happy (the wine)!

SILENT KEY

WA2RDC

DAVID ANDERSON died suddenly on October 31st. Dave joined Phil-Mont in December of 1962 and assisted in the early days of Pad-dlerama.

HAMFESTS

We will print an ongoing schedule of Hamfests based on information received. Please help us keep our list current. If you don't see your favorite event listed here, it's because YOU didn't send it to W3IIM prior to the BLURB deadline!

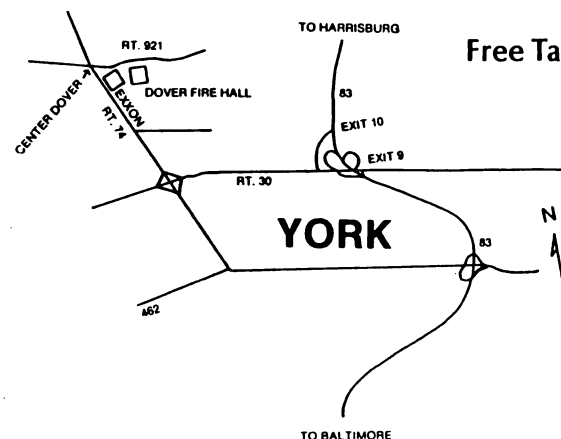
2nd Annual YORK WINTERFEST HAM & COMPUTER

March 5th 1989

DOVER FIREHALL, DOVER, PA

Local Repeaters

146.37/97, 147.93/33



Free Tailgating with Admission Ticket

Two Floors Indoor
Food & Refreshments

Prizes

Limited Blacktop Parking

Inside Tables \$10.00 ea.

8:00 AM General Admission

VE Exams

Registration \$4.00

Unlicensed Spouse FREE

Children Under 12 FREE

For Advance Registration or Information:

MAIL TO: YORK WINTERFEST
P.O. Box 50
Shrewsbury, PA 17361-0050
Info Call (301) 239-3878

1988

DECEMBER

1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 2m NCS W3HNP 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS W3PWG <i>Chanukah</i>	5 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS ELECTION	6 CODE PRACTICE NET	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	8	9	10
11 2m NCS W3AWG 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS W3AOA	12	13 CODE PRACTICE NET	14 : DIRECTORS' MEETING at W3IRS'	15	16	17 <i>Wright Bros. Flight 1903</i>
18 2m NCS KA3AMO 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS W3RCE	19	20 CODE PRACTICE NET	21 <i>Winter Begins Pilgrims Landed 1620</i>	22	23	24
25 2m NCS KB3IV 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS AK2I <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27 CODE PRACTICE NET	28 <i>Woodrow Wilson 1856</i>	29	30	31